



CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT



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| POSITION TITLE | Chief, Financial Management Branch C. E. A. Level 2 |
| SALARY RANGE | \$7302 - \$8051 per month |
| RELEASE DATE | March 4, 2005 |
| FINAL FILE DATE | April 8, 2005 |

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the administrative direction of the Deputy Director, Administration, the Chief, Financial Management Branch plans, organizes, and directs the work of approximately 156 staff who prepare the Department's budget (\$37 billion), pay claims, maintain the accounting records and financial data through the Department's automated accounting system, perform all cash management activities of the Department, and coordinate departmental responses to federal audit referrals and exceptions. The Chief, Financial Management Branch, acts as fiscal advisor to the Director and Executive Staff, performs fiscal policy review, provides financial evaluation of programs, and acts as liaison with the Department of Finance, the Legislative Analyst's Office, and the Federal Government on budget and fiscal matters affecting the Department. The incumbent also provides testimony in support and defense of the Department's budget before the Legislature.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION:

The examination process will consist of an application and Statement of Qualifications screening committee. All interested applicants must file a Standard State Application (STD. 678), a resume, and a Statement of Qualifications. All applications/resumes must include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year.) The screening committee will compare each applicant's qualifications for the position against specific job-related evaluation criteria developed from the minimum qualifications, desirable qualifications, and desirable characteristics. Should the screening committee deem it necessary, interviews may be conducted with the most qualified applicants. (Reference checks may be conducted on those candidates.) Interviews may not be conducted if the Department finds them unnecessary to make a final selection. If candidates are invited for an interview, they may be asked to perform a writing activity. All candidates will be notified in writing of the results of this examination.

The results of this examination will be used only to fill the position of Chief, Financial Management Branch.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications to compete in this CEA examination:

Either I

Must be a civil service employee with permanent civil service status.

Or II

Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature for two or more consecutive years as defined in Government Code, Section 18990.

Or III

Must be a nonelected exempt employee of the Executive Branch for two or more consecutive years (excluding those positions for which salaries are set by statute) as defined in Government Code, Section 18992.

And

Candidates must have the ability to perform high administrative and policy influencing functions effectively. Such overall ability requires possession of specific knowledge and abilities listed below. These knowledge and abilities are expected to be obtained from broad administrative or program manager experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies. (Experience may have been paid or volunteer, and may have been in State service, other government setting, or in a private organization.)

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- The organization and functions of California State government including the organization and practices of the Legislature and the Executive Branch.
- Principles, practices, and trends of public administration, organization, and management.
- Techniques of organizing and motivating groups.
- Program development and evaluation.

- Methods of administrative problem solving.
- Principles and practices of policy formulation and development.
- Personnel management techniques.
- The Department's equal employment opportunity objectives and a manager's role in equal employment opportunity.

ABILITY TO:

- Plan, organize, and direct the work of multidisciplinary professionals and administrative staff.
- Integrate the activities of a diverse staff to attain common goals.
- Gain the confidence and support of top-level administrators and advise them on a wide range of administrative matters.
- Develop cooperative working relationships with the public and people at all levels of government.
- Apply the principles and objectives of effective public administration and use of proper administration procedures in furthering these objectives.
- Use well developed management skills to lead, motivate, and develop staff.
- Advise, consult, and work cooperatively with departmental staff.
- Effectively contribute to the Department's equal employment opportunity objectives.

In addition to the minimum knowledge and ability, applications will be screened on the basis of the following desirable qualifications and characteristics.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Extensive knowledge of the State's budget process.
- A working knowledge of the legislative processes, specifically those that pertain to fiscal matters impacting state operations.
- A good understanding of the State's accounting practices and processes, especially in a multi-fund environment.
- Demonstrated management skills necessary to lead, motivate, and develop staff.
- Demonstrated ability to advise, consult, and work cooperatively with departmental staff as well as legislators, federal government, and other public and private agencies.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively.
- Demonstrated ability to make both planned and impromptu presentations before a group of individuals on diverse, complex, and highly sensitive issues.
- Working knowledge of personnel and labor relations policies and practices.
- Understanding of, and commitment to, the effective implementation of the State and departmental equal employment policies.
- Experience providing testimony before Legislative Committees.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS:

Creativity and Innovation – Applies new ways of thinking. Has the ability to solve problems, create new ideas, and develop new approaches to achieve the Department's mission.

Vision – Understands the context and mission of the Department both internal and external. Has an awareness of the Department's critical issues, anticipates and influences the future. Has the ability to organize for success; understands how to facilitate functional needs and structure to achieve strategic plans.

Credibility and Integrity – Understands internal and external customers and has a true desire to build credibility. Has a personal compass composed of clear principles and the flexibility to balance between literal adherence to rules and the use of policy as a guide. Has the ability to make decisions and be accountable for those decisions.

Teamwork – Cooperates to achieve the Department's mission, goals, and values and encourages diversity of opinions. Has the ability to enhance his/her own ability and the ability of others to contribute.

Communication – Has a clear expression of ideas, thoughts and expectations and is an active and empathic listener. Understands that people process information differently; takes initiative to build relationships; understands cultural differences.

Staff Development – Recognizes that people are the Department's most valuable resource. Can identify and define needs of the Department, attract appropriate candidates, evaluate, and select the most qualified. Takes the time to develop and encourage staff to achieve their true potential.

In addition, to best serve both our internal and external customers, it is important that our management team understands and is sensitive to the diversity of the people we serve. The composition of our management team should also reflect diversity.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

In addition to the Standard State Application (STD. 678), all interested applicants are **required** to submit a Statement of Qualifications with specific information on how his/her background, knowledge, skills, and abilities meet the minimum qualifications, desirable qualifications, and desirable characteristics. This Statement of Qualifications must discuss the following critical factors:

1. Describe your ability, including leadership techniques, for organizing and motivating groups and/or employees, directing the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff, and dealing effectively with a variety of individuals, organizations, and state agencies.
2. Describe your ability to gain the confidence and support of top-level administrators, and advise on a wide range of budgetary and fiscal matters.
3. Describe your knowledge of and experience with the CALSTARS or other complex accounting systems.
4. Describe your knowledge of and experience with the California legislative and budgetary processes, State control agencies, and other governmental entities that are necessary for effective program implementation.
5. Describe your experience that demonstrates ability to analyze complex budgetary and fiscal problems, and make recommendations for effective courses of action.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

All interested applicants must submit two copies of the Standard State Application (Form STD 678), resume and Statement of Qualifications in person or by mail to: Department of Health Services, Selection Unit, 1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.1501, MS 1301, P.O. Box 997411, Sacramento, CA 95899-7411, Attn: Lisa Jeffers. Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after 5:00 PM on the final filing date of April 8, 2005, will not be accepted.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITHOUT THE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Questions regarding the examination process should be directed to Lisa Jeffers at ljeffers@dhs.ca.gov or call (916) 552-8351.
- Questions regarding the position should be directed to Arleen Jacoway at ajacoway@dhs.ca.gov or call (916) 440-7408.

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